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PATENT

Docket No. PD-990066

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## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: James A. Michener :  
 Serial No.: 09/345,659 :  
 Filed: June 30, 1999 :  
 For: DELIVERY AND TRANSMISSION OF DOLBY DIGITAL  
 AC-3 OVER TELEVISION BROADCAST

Date: September 6, 2006  
 Group Art Unit: 2626  
 Examiner: Michael N. Opsasnick

**TRANSMITTAL LETTER FOR AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR 51.111**

Mail Stop Amendment  
 Commissioner for Patents  
 P.O. Box 1450  
 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir: Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.

X Applicant believes that no extension of time is required to respond to the Office Action dated June 8, 2006. However, this conditional petition is being made to provide for the possibility that applicant has inadvertently overlooked the need for a petition for extension of time.

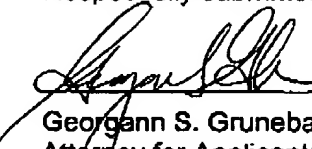
X No additional fee for claims is required.

X The claims have been calculated as shown below:

CLAIMS AS AMENDED							
CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT		HIGHEST NUMBER PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR		PRESENT EXTRA		RATE	ADDITIONAL FEE
TOTAL CLAIMS	19	minus	27* =	0	x	\$ 50.00	\$ -0-
INDEPENDENT CLAIMS	4	minus	5** =	0	x	\$ 200.00	\$ -0-
MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIMS				0	+	\$ 360.00	\$ -0-
TOTAL ADDITIONAL FEE FOR THIS AMENDMENT:							\$ -0-

Charge \$ -0- to Deposit Account No. 50-0383 of The DIRECTV Group, Inc. (formally Hughes Electronics Corporation), El Segundo, California. Please charge any additional fees for claims or credit overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-0383. If any additional extension fee is required, please charge to Deposit Account No. 50-0383.

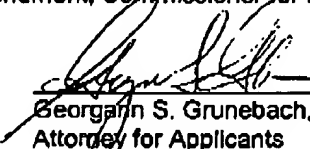
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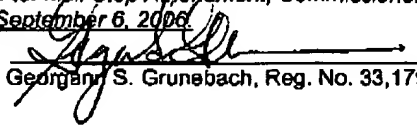
  
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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed June 8, 2006, please amend the above-identified application as follows: